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ASILOMAR, Calif. (AP) — The inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency Saturday refused any comment on the shooting down of an American high-altitude plane in Russia and the capture of its pilot.

But earlier, in a speech delivered before state department comment on the incident, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr. told the World Affairs Council that the United States' intelligence network within the Soviet Union is more effective "than the Russians believe it to be."

Kirkpatrick's appearance at the council's 14th annual conference here was unusual, but the theme of the sessions is "Competitive Co-existence — Dilemma of the 60's."

He said that although intelligence sources in Russia are better than the Soviet government believes, "they still are not as effective as we would like them to be." He did not elaborate.

He was asked later whether the pilot of the U. S. plane shot down in Russia, Francis G. Powers, worked for the CIA. Powers is listed as a pilot for the U. S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"No comment," he replied.

He added: "It's obvious that any comment, anything said about a thing like this, must come directly from Washington."